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Firing Of 'Brain Wash' Burkett By Knight Demanded

REPORT

To Our Readers - Owners

NEW TYPE FACE

This sentence is set in a more readable type face that was used until this issue by East Bay Labor Journal. From now on it is our intention to use this handsomer and clearer type throughout the paper.

Just to show our readers the difference, the following paragraph had been set up in the old type for use in the OPINIONS column on the editorial page:

We have got to stop avoiding holding President Eisenhower responsible for the actions of his lieutenants and the Republican Party. Governor-elect Harriman of New York.

The above example of our former type face is as it appears to the reader even smaller than when we see it here in the editorial room or composing room on a proof sheet. The reason for this is that in the process of stereotyping there is a shrinkage. All the more reason why we needed a new type face for more readability.

The increased readability is achieved in two ways: first, by improved design of the actual letters; second, by very slightly increasing the height of the type and the distance between the lines.

THE PRINTER'S POINT

In typographical terms, the slug, or space between the lines, is one point more than it is, and the height of the type is one point more.

A point is only about one-seventh of an inch, or to put it more accurately, it is .0138 of an inch.

Surprising, isn't it, how much difference so small an adjustment makes?

But since so small an adjustment does make such a difference to the eye, we attain a good deal more readability with relatively little sacrifice of space.

However, we do suggest to our staff that since the type to be used in East Bay Labor Journal from here on out is a little larger, it is just as well to make our writing a little more concise.

PRINTING WEEK, TOO!

The reader will note also that the heading of this very column is in a more modern headline type, that the same note of modernity is to be observed in the new masthead at the top of this page, and in other standing heads throughout the paper.

We are looking forward to making some other typographical improvements in the not too distant future. By the time all of them are achieved, we believe that the paper will present a generally better appearance.

Appropriately enough, Printing Week, which runs from January 16 through January 22, is still current as East Bay Labor Journal comes out in its improved typographical dress.

Incidentally, there's nothing new men in the editorial department like to talk big about more than typography. The truth is that most of us know very little about it. So, after consulting with the paper's typographical expert and carefully writing down the full name of the new type, we here and now announce that its name is:

Ionic No. 5, with bold face No. 2; 8-point type on a 9-point slug.

Teamsters 70 Organize Livermore Lab Drivers

Bill Cabral, Teamsters 70 business representative in Hayward, announced this week the successful union organization of all truck drivers at the Livermore Radiation Laboratory after a three year organizing campaign.

Fee Has Flu

William P. Fee, assistant secretary, Central Labor Council, has been having a tussle with the flu.

OFFICIAL NOTICES

The following unions will find notices of important meetings called by their officers on page 3 of this issue of the Journal.

CLERKS & LUMBER HANDLERS 939
HAYWARD PAINTERS 1178
SHEET METAL WORKERS 216
PAINTERS DISTRICT COUNCILS



VETERAN UNIONISTS HONORED—The seven officers and members of Automotive Machinists 1546 shown above represent collectively more than 175 years of continuous membership in the Local. Three of those in the group, having just reached 25-years of continuous membership this year, were awarded certificates and silver pins emblematic of their long union association at a special ceremony held on January 7 in the Labor Temple. The trio include C. R. Harris, A. J. Shepherd and R. J. Whittaker. Pictured above (front row, left to right) are Shepherd, Whittaker and E. H. Vernon, senior business representative. Back (left to right) are J. K. Waldron, Harris, Jack Clark, financial secretary; and also received certificates and pins. Financial Secretary Clark announced that photographs of the 15-year group are now available in his office.

15 and 25 Year Pins Awarded Picket Passer at Eden Hospital Is Calmed by Groulx

A crowd of 350 people, including members of Auto Machinists 1546, their wives and guests, took part in dual ceremonies conducted by Local 1546 in Hall M of the Labor Temple on the night of January 7. The ceremonies consisted of the annual installation of officers and the honoring of 15 and 25-year members of the Local.

Following the strictly union business, the unionists and their guests enjoyed a buffet dinner and then topped off the evening with several hours of dancing to the music of a four-piece orchestra.

Bill Alameda, a past president of Local 1546, was awarded the honor of installing the newly elected union officers. Those installed included E. F. Andrews, president; Manuel Francis, vice president; A. J. Hayes, recording secretary; J. E. Clark, financial secretary; M. R. Damas, treasurer; E. H. Vernon, senior business representative; Pat Hannan, conductor; and John Downs, trustee.

Also installed were Executive Board members E. Anderson, Nick Antonio, W. J. Berryman, Chris Dixon, Manuel Francis, Pat Hannan, C. L. McMonagle, Tom Noel, B. Peterson, Harlow Schroll, W. P. Sveno and Bert Whittaker.

John J. King and Lloyd Poesnecker, both IAM Grand Lodge Representatives assigned to the Oakland regional office, attended the affair as guests and accepted with pleasure the honor of making the presentation of certificates and pins to three 25-year members. The trio of old-timers, each of whom received a silver pin, included A. R. Harris, A. J. Shepherd and R. J. Whittaker.

An interesting sidelight to the presentation of certificates and pins to twenty-two 15-year members was the fact that Jack Phillips made the presentation with the aid of E. H. Vernon. Phillips, a past president of Local 1546, was president when all of the 15-year members were first obligated by him into the union back in 1939. Phillips had a grand time joshing with the veterans.

Receiving the 15-year pins were Anker Andreson, L. Bonvicino, Frank Cabral, G. D. Carnes, A. R. Cox, Lloyd Darter, Joseph Garcia, E. T. Hayter, Robert Knapp, Floyd Lewis, Harry Mardisiosian, E. C. Noll, Albert Schwenning, John Silva, Clarence Sommers, A. V. Stevens, H. O. Terrell, Oscar Thompson, C. M. Todd, D. C. Verry, W. B. Villa and D. V. Wolcott.

CLC Election Rules: Seated By Jan. 24th

The Central Labor Council was reminded again this week by Secretary Robert S. Ash that under the council's constitution, delegates who wish to vote in the February 7 election for officers and standing committees of the council must be sworn in by the meeting of January 24.

Nominations will be in order at the January 24 and 31 meetings.

Ernie Rossi Quits Non-Union Family; Opens Union Shop

Ernest Rossi has opened a new florist shop at 1920 Broadway and has signed a union contract this week with Gardeners 1206.

The announcement of the Oakland City Councilman's pro-labor action was welcomed by delegates at the Building Trades Council Tuesday evening after the information was reported to them by Business Representative J. L. Childers.

Childers emphasized the fact that Ernest Rossi had severed business relations with Tony Rossi and Sons who operate a non-union florist shop at 1508 Fruitvale Ave. The Fruitvale shop still remains on the "We Don't Patronize" list of the Alameda County Building Trades and Central Labor Councils.

The delegates were urged to remind the members of their respective unions to patronize only those florist shops which display the union shop card. There are several union establishments in the East Bay such as Ernest Rossi's.

WEBB TESTIMONIAL

Childers, on the council's behalf, will head for Los Angeles on February 3 to take part in the testimonial dinner honoring the new State Director of Industrial Relations, Ernest B. Webb. Childers will also take an active part in the annual Governor's Safety Conference scheduled for February 3-4 in Los Angeles.

Webb, who was recently appointed to his new post by Governor Knight, is a long-time member and former official of Long Beach Painters Local 256. He is also a former secretary of the Long Beach Central Labor Council and held membership on the State Industrial Accident Commission prior to his new appointment replacing Paul Scharenberg.

The testimonial, to be held at the Statler Hotel, is being sponsored by the District Council of Painters No. 36 of Los Angeles County.

EYE CARE PLAN

After listening with interest to a detailed explanation of a new non-profit eye-care plan, the council authorized representatives of the California Group Vision Plan to lay their plan before the individual Locals affiliated with the council.

In a nutshell, the plan aims to make vision care and eye wear, both of the highest quality, available at low rates to union members and their families.

CHECKUP

Childers reported that a joint committee of Bay Area building trades officials will soon visit the Basalt Rock Plant at Napa in order to find out if the company is working under scab or union conditions.

The committee will consist of members from the Alameda, Napa and Solano Counties Building Trades Councils.

CONTRACTOR SIGNS

Council Secretary John Davy announced the signing of a BTC agreement this week by Louis J. Ebner, cement mason contractor.

Team 70 Officers Sworn in for 1955

The following officers of Teamsters 70 were sworn in to office for 1955 by W. J. Conboy, international representative; at a special union ceremony held here on January 11:

Cy Stulting, president and business agent; Jerry Vercetti, vice-president; R. S. Straub, recording secretary; Frank A. DeMartini, secretary treasurer; Bill Cabral (Hayward office), Frank Church, Walter Earl, Elwood Heaney and Ernie Mulgrew, business agents; Gordon Bradford and Thomas McHugh, highway organizers; Angelo Pandolfi, special organizer; Joe Gonzales, Earl Platt and O. Wright, trustees; V. Moniz, warden; and W. Garibaldi, conductor.

Gonzales and Vercetti are the new Teamster delegates to the Central Labor Council.

Culinary Workers 31 Honors Four Members

Culinary Workers Alliance 31 honored four of its long-time members by awarding them lifetime paid-up membership pins at a regular meeting held on January 11.

The honored four, each with 20 years of continuous membership in Local 31, are Inez Figone, Henry Koolschijn, Gus Mallos and John J. Phillips.

BTC Outlines Views Regarding Economic Prospects for 1955

(Following is the complete text of a public statement issued by the Building Trades Council. The statement, entitled "Economic Outlook For The Construction Industry-1955", was prepared by J. L. Childers, BTC business representative, and adopted unanimously by the council delegates at their January 11 meeting.)

The work outlook is very much better than last year at this time and probably better for our industry locally than for several years.

This opinion is based on facts reported by Representatives of various Unions, Builders and both State and Federal statistics and reports.

You will remember that last year at this time the "Hard Money Policy" had just been relaxed, but the full effect of a year of this policy was being felt directly by a very marked decline in construction — particularly residential work and my prediction was for a poor half with possibilities of a pick-up in the Fall.

This year the opposite may be true. There is a very substantial amount of work ready to go with the end of the heavy rains, work which should continue through the year — providing the credit facilities are not again tightened. There has been a slight hardening of the credit policy in December — not bad — but it could be.

Further, no one knows yet where the saturation point is in GI Homes. This saturation point could possibly be reached this Fall.

PUBLIC HOUSING?

1955 could easily see more residential building than our best previous year, 1950.

Industrial building will taper off further this year.

Highway construction will increase some over last year.

Class A building will not be as good this year as last, except for school construction which should be about the same as last year.

There are some State and local Government buildings authorized, but not in the same volume as recent past years. The State building program is up for review by this Legislature, and even if the substantial amount needed is authorized, it will be about 18 months before we will have members employed on any of these jobs.

The Urban Renewal program for the City of Oakland is getting under way. This also could lead to a substantial amount of work for our members, but much remains to be done to make this program a beneficial one to the whole city and I expect myself and others will spend some of our time on it.

There is also a possibility of getting about 300 units of Public Housing going in Oakland, but I doubt that this will produce any jobs for us this year.

SOME CONCLUSIONS

There are some conclusions to be drawn from this outlook of which we should be aware.

1. We should have a good year for most crafts — it could be our best.

2. We should urge our representatives at all government levels to activate needed building programs.

3. We should have a good year for most crafts — it could be our best.

Local 29 complained that the Swan management was offering a 5-cent hourly increase instead of staying with the 6 cents offered by the balance of the food distribution industry.

A management representative appeared before the CLC executive committee and said that the reason for this is that the store is moving away from the food business gradually and putting emphasis on selling clothes.

Emotionally Disturbed Children Theme of Talk

Dr. Elizabeth L. Rees spoke to the Central Labor Council this week on the problems and work of the League for Emotionally Disturbed Children.

Dr. Rees said that working people and others who have children of this type would do well to take up their problems with the League.

Lacking space in this issue to enter the matter fully, East Bay Labor Journal plans to publish later an interview with Dr. Rees. She resides at 2500 Ashby Avenue, Berkeley; telephone BE 7-5701.

Governor Scornful Of Labor Protest Against Slander

Demands that William A. Burkett, Governor Knight's Director of Employment, either resign or be fired because of his efforts to cripple the unemployment insurance system by slandering organized labor, rose on both sides of the Bay during the past few days, as well as in other parts of the State.

Knight promptly announced that he has "confidence" in Burkett, and that he is not "overly impressed" by protests made by organized labor against Burkett.

"I am satisfied Burkett is sincere, honest, and industrious," said the Governor. "You can't please everybody when you're in government."

Knight did backtrack to the extent of saying that Burkett's numerous proposals for legislative action changing the jobless pay program are not to be considered Administration proposals "at this time."

The San Francisco Labor Council, smarting under Burkett's claim that one of the main State Employment offices frequented by organized labor people in San Francisco is just a "skid row" place, and that 43% of the jobs benefits paid out of that office have been "fraudulent," has adopted a resolution demanding that Burkett either quit or be fired.

The Alameda County Central Labor Council, infuriated by the increasing use of the old "brain wash" techniques by Department of Employment agents working under Burkett's orders, has asked its executive committee to prepare a resolution demanding the removal of Burkett.

KNIGHT BACKERS QUIET

On both sides of the Bay discussion in the Labor Councils was punctuated with references to the action of a group of AFL leaders in having backed Knight as their official candidate during their last election, as Burkett was known at the time to be one of Knight's favorite cabinet members.

None of those AFL leaders supporting Knight in the election have raised their voices in defense of either Burkett or of Knight for appointing him, since the insults Burkett heaps on organized labor reached the height of the past week or so.

Alameda County Central Labor Council Robert S. Ash, who has opposed the Knight regime as anti-labor from the start, told the delegates to the council this week that one of the amazing things about Burkett's actions and statements is that a year ago he claimed that jobless people through fraudulent claims had stolen \$20 millions from the State, yet now, after a year in office during which he was supposed to be stopping all that alleged chiseling, he claims that \$30 millions have been taken fraudulently!

An increase in activity in the Construction Industry which would be brought about if the program outlined above is followed would provide a stable base for the needed increase in our economy and provide a job opportunity for all — not directly in construction but in all sections of the economy.

AL BROWN'S ANALYSIS

Al Brown, Milk Drivers & Dairy Employees 302, a former president of the Central Labor Council, rose and said that the things which Burkett calls fraudulent are many of them preposterous.

For example, said Brown, if the applicant's card was not filled out correctly to the last detail, it was considered a fraudulent claim. If a man wanted work at his own craft, and received jobless pay when he couldn't get it, then that, too, said Brown, is listed as a fraudulent claim.

George L. Rice, Electricians (Continued on Page 4)

Registration Deadlines For Cities' Voters

If you're not on the Great Register of Voters — and if you failed to vote in both the primary and general elections of 1954, your name has been removed — then here are the deadlines for East Bay City elections this spring:

Berkeley deadline: You must register by February 10 in order to vote in the April 2 election.

Oakland deadline: You must register by February 24 in order to vote in the April 19 primary election. Won't be any deputy registrars around: have to register either at your City Hall or the County Courthouse.

HOW TO BUY

Watch Social Security Benefits

By SYDNEY MARGOLIS
Labor Consumer Advisor for Labor Journal

how much Social Security he will get when he stops working. It is pitiful how often people who need their Social Security benefits the most lose them because they don't understand what they are entitled to. For example, we have a letter from an elderly man who has been working part time and wondering how much Social Security he will get when he stops working. The answer is that he and his wife could have been collecting Social Security payments for some time, since he is 77. Another elderly man writes that he is waiting for payments to arrive. They never will if he doesn't visit the nearest Social Security office and apply for them.

While veterans' benefits are not part of Social Security, there is also a costly lack of knowledge of pension rights for veterans and their families. A number of new Social Security rules have gone into effect beginning with 1955.

Widows Now Without Benefits: In past years thousands of widows and children under 18, were denied Social Security payments because their husbands did not have enough quarters of coverage under Social Security. Under the new law a widow 65 or older, or younger if she has children under 18, whose husband died between January 1, 1940 and September 1, 1950, can apply for benefits if the husband had at least six calendar quarters of coverage (about a year and a half).

But as with all Social Security benefits, the widows themselves must apply for these payments. In fact, in this case application must be made no later than September, 1955.

Earnings Limits: Retired workers already getting payments, should understand the new rule on the amount that can be earned without forfeiting Social Security benefits. If you earn over \$1200 from employment or self-employment of any kind, whether covered employment or not, you lose part of your payments in proportion to the excess over \$1200.

Once you are 72, under the rule, you can earn any amount without losing payments. And as before, income from employer's or other private pensions, investments, etc., does not affect your payments.

Disability Provision: The new provision for a "freeze" of your earnings record is an improvement.

Speaking of Clothes

Inventory!

With the holiday season behind us and a brand new year ahead, it is time to take careful stock of the family wardrobe needs for the coming year.

An extension clothing specialist at Rutgers University, says the beginning of the new year is a good time to check your clothes and dresser drawers and study their contents. Were you pleased with last year's purchases and did they give maximum satisfaction?

If your clothing plan for last year did not prove satisfactory, why not get busy now and make a suitable one for the new year?

"To make the best use of your clothing dollar, be certain to make a clothing plan for spending," she suggests. "Much money can be wasted on costly purchases, such as coats or suits, if you are not thinking in terms of your total plan."

"Take an inventory of what you have on hand with each person in the family having his own list. Now, make a list of new clothes each person will need to round out his wardrobe for serviceability and attractiveness."

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Graves Is Glad He Ran for Governor

Richard P. Graves, Democratic candidate for Governor in the November election, made his first public address since the election at a meeting of the Democratic Forum Luncheon Club at the Showboat restaurant last week.

Graves said it was appropriate to make his first post-election talk here since Alameda county went for him and against Knight in the voting.

"If I had known at the start I would be defeated, I'd have gone ahead just the same," said Graves. "The good of the campaign outweighed the bad. I like to believe that I strengthened our party."

The standard bearer, now titular chief of the Democratic Party in California, then proceeded to give the labor people and others in attendance advice on the future handling of party affairs based on experience gained in the strenuous campaign.

Assemblyman Carlos Bee, elected to succeed Frank Dunn Jr., now a Supervisor in the 13th District in the November election, and just completing his first period as a member of the Assembly, is the scheduled speaker for the Democratic Forum Luncheon Club meeting at the Showboat Thursday noon, January 27.

Ruling on Recount For Crown Today

Today (Friday) the Assembly Rules Committee is scheduled to make a recommendation on the petition of Robert W. Crown, Democrat, for a recount in the 14th Assembly District in Alameda County.

Incumbent Republican Randall F. Dickey in the official tally was credited with winning against Crown by 54 votes.

First Graders Put On Double Sessions

About 330 first grade students at Manzanita and Santa Fe Elementary Schools were ordered to go on double sessions in the coming spring semester by the Oakland Board of Education this week.

The board also approved a 4-page booklet to be mailed next week to city residents. The booklet contains such pertinent information as the fact that three times as many residents are now entering the lower grades than are graduating. It also notes that this city's school tax rate is the lowest in Alameda County and that the Oakland electorate has twice in the past year failed to approve bond issues for school construction.

JOSEPH FRANCIS O'NEIL, a member of Butchers 120, passed away in Richmond on January 16 at age 71 leaving a son, Joseph C.; a daughter, Mrs. Mary J. Powers; two grandchildren; and one great grandchild.

Tell 'em you saw it in the East Bay Labor Journal!

His Side of Story Told by McKinnon, Daily News Seller

Clinton D. McKinnon in a statement published by the San Diego Labor Leader tells his side of the story of the sale of the Los Angeles Daily News to the reactionary Chandler interests.

McKinnon was publisher of the Los Angeles Daily News, and the Los Angeles Labor Council adopted a resolution some time ago condemning his sale of the paper.

McKinnon says that the Daily News had been sick financially for seven years when toward the end of 1953, he was "approached by W. J. Bassett, secretary of the Central Labor Council in Los Angeles, and several other labor leaders, as well as several wealthy Democrats."

PROMISES MADE
These people, says McKinnon, persuaded him to take over the job of trying to save the paper: "Bassett promised, on behalf of labor, 50,000 new subscribers if I would take over the Daily News. The Democrats promised \$400,000 for financing, with certain strings tied to circulation increases and additional financial promises."

McKinnon says that "only 7000 of our circulation increase came from labor, far short of the 50,000 promised and needed. . . . And the wealthy Democrats, knowing that I was in, forgot their promises to help me finance a paper that was losing \$4500 every publishing day."

The banks finally shut off credit, the former publisher says, unions were threatening to strike for back pay, and the only offer he could get was one of \$275,000 for the circulation, name, and goodwill, made by the Chandler Times-Mirror.

"The \$275,000 from the Times Mirror meant no money for me. But it did mean paychecks for the employees. As a result of the sale, all current and retroactive wages have been deposited with the labor commissioner and there will be additional money for some fringe benefits."

'NOT ASHAMED'
At the conclusion of his statement, McKinnon says:

"I am not ashamed of my effort to save the News. . . . But I am amazed that the very forces I fought for, and the ones who did so little in return, are now the ones to be so critical. With so little performance by those who promised so much, the remarkable fact is that I kept the Daily News alive so long."

The January 13 San Diego Labor Leader, published by the San Diego Labor Council, states that it is glad to print McKinnon's side of the story, as it "has often been critical of the monopoly press in San Diego for refusing to print both sides of a story, particularly as it affects labor. Because we do not want to be guilty of the same offense, we herewith print Mr. McKinnon's statement in full."

Tell 'em you saw it in the East Bay Labor Journal!

Barbara Bell Patterns



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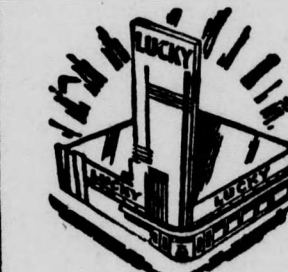
15,000 Union Members In Portland Jobless

More than 15,000 union members are jobless in Portland, Ore., the Portland Central Labor Council has learned by surveying all the affiliated unions as well as the CIO locals, reports the AFL Oregon Labor Press.

Milk Pact Hearing Set

Members of Milk Wagon Drivers & Dairy Employees 302 will meet tonight, January 21, in a regular special meeting for the purpose of hearing the union contract committee's recommendations on the General Milk Agreement.

BERT O. MCCARTHY, a member of Theatrical Janitors 121, passed away here on December 25 at age 65.



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FROM THE EDITOR To The Ladies:

CHILDREN TODAY, like adults, are in danger of getting into more projects than they can manage. Clubs, bands, Scouts, long hours in the school-room leave the average child with little free time, after all.

While these supervised activities are valuable, the child may become so involved that he grows discouraged, begins to feel guilty about his inability to carry out everything he's tackled, and may come to the point where he drops out of everything.

Parents can help the child by tactfully guiding him so that he won't make this mistake of tackling too many things.

BUT PARENTS themselves often make this same mistake. And once a person, child or adult, has gone through the experience of tackling too much and then feeling compelled to back out of everything, it's very hard to get them to accept a normal degree of civic or club activities.

Organizations themselves often make the mistake of loading the new participant excessively. The newcomer to a church board or vestry, for example, will sometimes find that the seasoned members pile it on. He is put on too many committees involving strenuous activity. So he drops out at the first opportunity.

WOMEN'S CLUBS often err in this also. It's better to season a new participant gradually. Give her enough to do so she feels she's part of the work. But don't snatch her into a whirl that makes her dizzy.

Easy to suggest, isn't it? But sometimes hard to put into practice!

Independents Elected At Marchant, Friden

A small independent union of tool and die makers at two local calculating machine plants won representation elections last Friday against the IAM Tool & Die Makers Local 1178.

The elections, conducted by the National Labor Relations Board, was held at the Marchant Calculators, Inc., of Emeryville, and the Friden Calculating Machine Company of San Leandro.

The great majority of the workers at the two plants still belong to other IAM lodges.

Tell 'em you saw it in the East Bay Labor Journal!

PATRONIZE ONLY UNION BARBER SHOPS THAT DISPLAY THIS SIGN



Legislature Recessing Amidst Labor Protest Against Knight Sales Taxes

Today (Friday) is the date set for the termination of the first part of the session of the Legislature this year. There comes next the stormy lull until the reconvening in March; during this lull there will be discussion of the proposed bills and the Governor's budget by the home folks with the Senators and Assemblymen.

Already the Democratic Forum Luncheon Club in Alameda county, which many labor people attend, is arranging to have the new Assemblyman in the 13th District, Carlos Bee, address the luncheon meeting at the Showboat Thursday noon, January 27.

One of the principal subjects under discussion during this interval between sessions will of course be the Governor's \$1,529,768,426 budget, and the \$80,000,000 worth of new taxes which he proposes.

THREE ATTITUDES
Three attitudes have developed toward Knight's proposals on taxation:

1—Senator Ben Hulse, (R., El Centro), chairman of that body's Finance Committee, has announced that he is opposed to any new taxes now. He thinks next year they may be necessary, but believes that water can be squeezed out of the budget, and some money taken out of reserves. There is a \$75 billion "rainy day" reserve built up by former Governor Warren which Knight contends should be kept for possible emergencies.

2—Assemblyman Thomas W. Caldecott (R., Berkeley), chairman of the Assembly Ways and Means Committee, contends that the State should go no longer without balancing its budget, and that the taxes proposed by Knight "will solve our burden with the least burden on the people of California."

3—Organized labor has been traditionally opposed to the sales taxes which in one form or another and under one name or another make up the Governor's list of taxes on the ground that sales taxes put the heaviest burden on the people least able to pay. Here and there since the Governor has made his proposals the daily press has cited AFL leaders as being opposed to the Governor's proposed taxes; and the State CIO office has sent a letter to the Governor and to each member of the Legislature arguing against increasing the burden of sales taxes.

PROPOSED TAXES
The Governor's major tax proposals are:

1—A new 3-cent tax on each package of cigarettes and a 20% levy on cigars and other tobacco products.

2—Beer to be taxed 4 cents a gallon instead of the present 2 cents.

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CARL - MIKE, Owners
Members Bartenders Union 53

3—Hard liquor to be taxed \$1.50 per gallon instead of the present 80 cents.

4—The State's take on horse-race bets to be 14% instead of the present 13%; and heavier taxes on the higher bracket of racetrack profits.

5—Continuation of the State tax on gasoline at 6 cents per gallon instead of letting it drop back to 5 1/2 cents as it would automatically do July 1 unless legislative action is taken.

OTHER SCHEMES

Senator Earl Desmond (D., Sacramento) has even proposed that a sales tax be imposed on food bought in groceries and markets. Now there is no sales tax on food bought there, although there is a tax on food served in restaurants.

Senator Arthur H. Breed (R., Oakland) has introduced bills which if passed would still more shift the burden from personal income and corporation income taxes to sales taxes. These measures would put the State personal income and corporation income taxes in line with the reductions made by the 83d Congress dominated by defenders of great wealth.

Assemblyman Luther H. Lincoln (R., Oakland) who was elected Speaker largely through the influence of the State AFL, appointed Assemblyman Wally Henderson, pro-laborite from Fresno, Democrat, as chairman of the Assembly Industrial Relations Committee, which is of great importance to labor. But the balance of forces on the committee is such that indications are it will be nip and tuck for labor on that committee.

(Editor's Note: Editorial discussion of the Governor's tax proposals will be found on page 4 of this issue under the heading: "Knight Would Load Sales Tax Dice Against Us Still More!")

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Trib Gets Haircut From Local Barber

Dean Woolridge, a member of Barbers Local 134, had the following letter published in the January 12 issue of Oakland Tribune, answering the snide remarks made by the Trib on the possible increase of barbers' wages and prices:

Concerning your editorial of Jan. 8, captioned "Those Haircuts," . . .

In the early 1900s when the average wage was 25 cents per hour, the price of a haircut was 35 cents. Those were days when the same towel was used all day (16 hours) on all the customers and the water was heated on a little pot-bellied stove. Instead of fresh water for each customer, water was merely added to the pan when it got low. Rent was inexpensive. There was no personal property tax, unemployment tax, Social Security, etc.

In an effort to raise the standard of barbering, there has been a tremendous additional expense added. Today, a barber has the welfare of his customer in mind. His hands are washed before working on you; two or more clean towels are used on each customer. All tools are disinfected by immersion in an expensive germicidal solution. The prices of barber tools and supplies, have more than tripled in the past ten years.

This is no clip shop, but a barber shop where highly trained men and women try to earn a decent living and still maintain a high standard. Even with today's high wage, I believe the average hourly wage is about \$2.

With the difference in today's expenditures and the early 1900s, we should get at least \$2 for each haircut. . . .

—DEAN WOOLDRIDGE, Oakland.

Zellerbach Sponsors Printing Week Exhibit

As a feature of Printing Week, which ends tomorrow, (Saturday) the Zellerbach Paper Company sponsored a showing of the American Institute of Graphic Arts exhibit in the concert room of the Sheraton-Palace Hotel in San Francisco.

Advertisements, books, magazines, brochures, and other specimens of good graphic arts work are shown. The exhibit closes at 9 p.m. tonight (Friday).

ROBERT H. JAMES, a member of Photo Engravers 8, died here on January 15.

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Pipe Trades Meet Planned for April

By JIM MARTIN

The Executive Board of the California Pipe Trades Council, at their quarterly meeting, held in Los Angeles on January 15, 1955, made arrangements to hold the 1955 Pipe Trades Convention at the Biltmore Hotel in Los Angeles on April 15, 16, and 17.

Local Unions 250, 78 and 709 of the United Association are the host Locals and have planned a very busy agenda for both the delegates and their wives, which will include a huge banquet on Saturday night, April 16.

This is one of the most important conventions to be held each year as it effects us directly as resolutions are adopted to bring about legislation to be passed which will bring about better wages and hours, such as codes both in plumbing and heating and refrigeration, also, they have a general promotional program for bettering the industry.

Those present at the officer's meeting of Local 342, held on Monday, January 10, 1955, adopted a resolution to be presented at a special called meeting of the membership. Cards will be mailed to you advising you of the date of this meeting.

The resolution provides for an increase in dues, also provides for an increase for building trades journeymen initiation fee on all new applicants.

In checking with our sister Local Unions on a State basis, we find that most Locals have had to increase their dues or are anticipating doing so to balance the budget.

The life blood of any Local Union is the revenue it receives from the members as the extent on which the Union can operate depends upon the amount of dues it receives.

It is easy to criticize the past from the vantage point of years but our concern must be with our problems today and our plans for the future. In should be apparent to all that we cannot operate in 1955 on the basis of prior year's financing. This cannot be done in either business or trade union circles.

The cost of living and wage rates have both been going upward with increasing acceleration in the past fifteen years. The dues, on the other hand, have remained constant; in other words, the present dues indicate no upward trend to correspond with the increased cost of living and increase in wage level.

The increased cost of running a labor Union likewise has been in keeping with other advances. There are increased costs all along the line on every item which must be paid out in the business of operating a Union—rent, employment, utilities, travel, office, supplies, etc. No business would think of trying to operate in 1955 on the basis of standards of previous years.

The officers of 342 urge that you make every effort to be in attendance at the meeting that this resolution will be presented for adoption and keep Local 342 in front. We have always been a leading Local Union and are recognized by our sister, State and International Unions as such—in wages, hours and working conditions.

Hayward Culinary 823 Okay By-Laws Revision

An extensive revision of union by-laws was approved unanimously by members of Hayward Culinary Workers & Bartenders 823 at a meeting held on January 11.

Roy Woods, Local 823 secretary-treasurer, announced that the Local's action must first be approved by International Union President Ed S. Miller before it can become effective.

Tell 'em you saw it in the East Bay Labor Journal!

Watchmakers Gird For Legal Battle

By GEORGE F. ALLEN

For the first time in the twenty years since the union has been chartered, I must write and say that, in my opinion, there is a definite effort being made to break down the standards established by the union.

John Carbone, 1414 Burlingame Ave., Burlingame, whom we are still picketing, is being used, in my opinion, for this purpose.

We are not quite sure who is behind John Carbone, but it definitely must be someone willing to spend money in an attempt to break the union, inasmuch as he has already taken his case to court on two occasions, both of which have been won by the union.

After losing two decisions whereby we are allowed to continue picketing, the union again is faced with another suit that will possibly be heard in the month of March.

Carbone is going to contend that the union is "price fixing" inasmuch as we publish a price list for watch repairs. He says that this is illegal, therefore, to picket him is illegal.

We do not believe that the union can lose the case, but nobody knows for sure what will come out of a court decision until it is rendered.

Needless to say that should we be so unfortunate as to lose the decision, chaos and disaster will follow. The destruction of the wage structure and every other ethical practice that the union has established would be lost.

After reading this column, you will understand why the meeting on January 27 will be one of vital importance to every watchmaker in our union, whether he be an employee or a proprietor member. It may be necessary for another "first" in the history of our union, to adopt some sort of an assessment program to carry on this fight which the union cannot afford to lose.

A complete and full report will be made at the meeting on January 27 and again I urge each and every member of the union in the San Francisco-Bay Area, to be present at this meeting which will be held at the Native Sons Hall, 414 Mason St., San Francisco, at 7:30 p.m., January 27.

A detailed report on this issue will be made to the San Jose members at their next meeting.

IT'S A BOY FOR THE DONZELLI FAMILY! Born on January 12th at 8 a.m. at the Kaiser Foundation Hospital. They have named this little fellow Mark and he weighed all of 6 lbs and 3 oz. Most of you members will remember Al Donzelli—he is quite a favorite among the younger watchmakers and aside from now being employed for Gensler-Lee Jewelers in Alameda, we must add that he is about the proudest papa we have had for a long time. Good luck Al, to you, Mrs. Donzelli, and that future watchmaker.

Ernie Mulgrew's Wife Passes on January 17

Teresa Wilcox Mulgrew, wife of the popular Teamster 70 business representative, Ernie Mulgrew, passed away in San Leandro on January 17 after a lengthy illness. Mrs. Mulgrew, a native San Franciscan, was a member of the East Bay Council of Catholic Nurses and an alumnae of Mary's Help College of Nursing.

The Mulgrew family is part of a prominent East Bay pioneer clan.

Private services and interment were held Thursday, January 20. Besides her widower, Mrs. Mulgrew's survivors include a son, Ernest W. Mulgrew, Jr.; a daughter, Mrs. Margaret Marquette; a brother, Joseph Wilcox; and a sister, Mrs. Agnes Hammond.

OFFICIAL NOTICES

Clerks and Lumber Handlers 939

Commencing January 1, 1955, dues will be increased 50 cents per month.

The next regular meeting of this Local will be held on Friday, January 14, 1955 in the Labor Temple, 2315 Valdez St., Oakland.

Your union officials wish to take this opportunity to extend to all of you and your families a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Fraternally,

JOSEPH BOTELHO, JR.,

Financial Secretary

Hayward Painters 1178

Friday, January 21, is the date of our next regular meeting, and it will be held in the new hall at 1841 Mattox Road, Hayward.

Fraternally yours,

ROBERT G. MILLER,

Recording Secretary

Sheet Metal Workers 216

Death Assessments No. 368 and 369 are now due and payable. Brother Michael Fasano, No. 107461, a member of Local No. 216, passed away on December 19, 1954, and Brother James Tatom, No. 139477, a member of Local No. 75, Vallejo, passed away on December 24, 1954.

Fraternally,

LLOYD CHILDS,

Business Representative

Painters, District Council 16

As a result of a referendum vote held throughout the area covered by the District Council of Painters No. 16 of the International Brotherhood of Painters, Decorators and Paper Hangers of America the minimum dues has been established by the District Council of \$4 per month.

The above action has been approved by our General Executive Board and made effective by action of the District Council as of January 1, 1955.

Fraternally yours,

LESLIE K. MOORE

Secretary Treasurer of the District Council of Painters No. 16

Garment Workers

Watch 'Black Bear'

S. A. Huntington of the AFL United Garment Workers conferred with Central Labor Council Secretary Robert S. Ash and others in the Bay Area recently on the problem his union has faced since the Black Manufacturing Company's "Black Bear" brand of apparel ceased to be a union label product.

Checking displays in East Bay stores he found conditions better than in some other cities. United Garment Workers 131 with headquarters in San Francisco has the jurisdiction here.

Emma Brunsch is business representative. Andy Ahern, international representative, is studying the problem in this area.

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May Lose Their Voices

The Trade Union Courier of New York City, which from time to time solicits advertising from East Bay businessmen by long distance phone, is at last being brought to book by the Federal Trade Commission.

An FTC hearing examiner has handed down a report, AFL News Service says, after a 3 year investigation, recommending that the publication be ordered to cease and desist from representing that "said newspaper is endorsed by, affiliated with, sponsored by, or otherwise connected with the American Federation of Labor."

The paper can appeal, but the assumption is that the net is closing in.

The hearing examiner said that voluminous testimony showed that from 9 to a dozen salesmen keep the long distance phones busy soliciting ads from businessmen all over the United States, and claiming that the paper is connected with the AFL.

ROBLEY E. FLYNN, division manager of the Pacific Telephone Company here, has been named campaign chairman for the 1955 East Bay United Crusade.

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Bad Weather Slows Up Painters

By HUGHIE RUTLEDGE

Things very slow around the office at the present time. On Monday morning of this week we had 26 members of the Local registered as being unemployed.

Of course many more of the brothers were not working on account of the extreme bad weather, however, we do not classify a brother as being on the unemployed list if he is losing time on account of the bad weather but still has a job to go to if and when it is possible to work.

With the total membership of the Local approaching the 900 mark this would mean that we have a little less than 3% of our members who have no job at all. In the painting industry this is not unusual at this time of year. We hope that things pick up so that we will have no registered unemployment at all.

At the monthly meeting of the trustees of the Bay Area Welfare Fund a statistical report was rendered on Tuesday of this week as follows. Since the fund started on June 1, 1952 and up to and including November 30, 1955 or over a period of 2 years and 5 months the fund has paid for all medical services for employees, \$873,610.04 and for dependents \$543,469.64 or a grand total of \$1,217,079.68.

The trustees are still and will continue to plan additional benefits as the income will permit.

Recent word from Building Trades Council attorney Joe Smith is to the effect that our deal dispute with the University of California sick leave pay is shaping up nicely at this time. This office has submitted to the council the names of our brothers who have been off sick and did not receive pay for same which the university promised them at the time they were hired. More on this later, when we receive something further from the attorney.

Again we remind the brothers that dues for the 1st Quarter of 1955 are \$20.40. When sending in your due book by mail please enclose this amount.

Next meeting of the Local will be Thursday, January 27, at which time your scribe will be attending the Executive Board meeting of the California State Conference of Painters, and will not be at the meeting of the Local.

Lot's Doing In Theater Union

By JOE CONNELLY

Up and down the aisle . . . Bob Cummings of the Oakland Ball Park ticket selling staff pounding his chest and passing out cigars like mad as he proclaims: "It was a BOY! . . ."

Reva Long of the Broadway getting married over last week end . . . Alberta Tiffin of the same house replacing Rosemary Boyer on the candy counter . . . Emily Sengenitto calling the business office to tell us about the new candy counter at the Central . . .

Isa Elsing leaving the Paramount to become a farmette in Minnesota, instead of an usherette in California. Loretta Rodriguez Jones, formerly of the T&D is replacing Isa at the Paramount . . .

The final union meeting of the month is scheduled for tomorrow at 10 a.m. (22nd) . . . Our deepest sympathy to the family of Mildred Ring Whalen, who passed away the 12th of this month. Mildred last worked the Broadway, and was forced to leave that job due to illness, before becoming a member. She had worked various theaters prior to the formation of the union. Among the surviving relatives is a brother George Ring, who was well known some years at the Chimes and the Parkway . . .

Mary Barnes Chew formerly of the Roxie, now at the Broadway . . . Mario (Joe) Colaci formerly of the T&D door, calling in to tell us he is going to college during the day and is again available for night work . . .

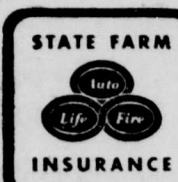
Hildegard Quintell formerly of the Fairfax and the Alameda back to survey the job market . . . John Garner, formerly of the Fox-Oakland door dropping in the office to let us know he is working for the Downtown Merchants Parking Association and is eyeing a barbering career . . .

"Dutch" McKnight of the Oaks Theater on the sick list . . . It was a girl for Sarah Watchers Galvin some 4 months ago, and "Sally" is back answering the phone at the local Golden State Theater Circuit headquarters . . .

Ina Mae Cole, moving from the Broadway to the Fox-Oakland . . . Former member Ray Davis being transferred from the assistants spot at the Fox in Richmond to management of the Campus in Berkeley. Former manager Bob Copes moved to the Fox as assistant to popular John Nylon and then quit to go to Japan.

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Civil Service Secretary Declares County Employees' Fears Unfounded

Editor, Labor Journal:

In your issue of December 31, 1954, an article on the new county charter amendments contained erroneous statements that we believe should be corrected. Contrary to the statements in the article, these amendments will not "endanger" nor are they "a threat to the protection" the civil service system of Alameda County, as previously administered, gives its employees.

Under the amendments, employees will have exactly the same protection that they have previously had. It has always been true that when a county employee is promoted he has to serve a period of probation before his promotion becomes complete, and he may be dismissed by the appointing authority during this period. Being reclassified to a higher position is the same as a promotion, and the amendments will take away absolutely no protection that an employee previously had when he was promoted.

In fact, they provide the added protection of a non-competitive qualifying examination for an employee who has full civil service tenure in a position that is affected by a change in classification.

The non-competitive type of examination can be held only for employees already working for the county with full civil service status. In no case could such an examination be given to help somebody enter the service, as was stated in your article.

The article implied that department heads classify or re-classify positions and call examinations. This is not correct. These are functions of the Civil Service Commission, and the Commission will continue to perform its duties under the

amendments as it has in the past, giving at all times full consideration to the people of the county as well as to the very fine body of men and women who are employed by the county.

ALAMEDA COUNTY CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION

Philip R. Berger,

Secretary and Chief Examiner

Jan. 11, 1955

Gil Hayes Attending Welfare Fund Conclave

Gilbert E. Hayes, insurance consultant, who administers several Welfare Plans in the Bay Area, attended the Welfare Conference in Detroit this week representing the Roofers' Health and Welfare Trust Fund of Northern California, Roofers' Health and Welfare Trust Fund of Central California, Hod Carriers' Local 166 Welfare Fund, Clerks' and Lumber Handlers' Security Plan, and the Gardeners' Florists' and Nurserymen's Local 1206 Welfare Fund.

This conference is to "Develop a Common Policy with Respect to Proposed and Conceivable Legislation" on Health and Welfare Funds.

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OPINIONS

**NO DULL ISSUES
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With a check for renewal of subscription, and saying that he had read a friend's copy of East Bay Labor Journal for some time before subscribing, Professor Charles A. Gulick, economic department, University of California, sent the following letter, which needless to say it was a very great pleasure to receive: Editor, Labor Journal:

I subscribed just a year ago. It would be an exaggeration to say that I have read every word (except the ads) in the past 52 issues, but despite the bad taste of one of some years back I will take "oath" that the exaggeration does not exceed three percent.

There is no point in trying to pick out specific stories. Reports to Readers-Owners, or editorials that I have particularly enjoyed. For my money, there has never been a dull issue in the 52.

Perhaps I can say best what I have in mind by recalling the old "bull" once pulled by a reviewer: The author never falls below his average of excellence and usually far exceeds it.

In other words, you are doing a good job. Keep it up and more power to you.

Sincerely yours,
CHARLES A. GULICK

CONFIDENCE

"The idea of confidence in other people — a traditionally American concept — is being gradually driven to the background." This was the recent conclusion of Dr. Marie Jahoda, associate director of New York University's Research Center for Human Relations, in reviewing Washington trends. She also says professional level government employees are policing their reading and thinking habits. For the good of the Nation we hope this trend will soon reverse itself. — Valley Labor Citizen (Fresno)

TRY THE TRAIN!

Herman C. Kroll, a Chicago traffic expert, appeared at a State Public Utilities Commission hearing recently and said: "The primary unit of production of rail transportation is the train. It is the vehicle or instrumentality by which persons are moved by rail from one place to another."

"What this means, I think," said Friendlich in the S. F. Chronicle, "is that if you want to go by rail, next time try the train." — Railroad Labor News (BRT)

BIG QUESTION

Will a "Demo-GOP" coalition, one of reactionary Southern Democrats and Old Guard Northern Republicans, prevail in the new Congress? Or will there be a "GOP-o-Dem" coalition—one of liberal Democrats, North and South, along with "moderate progressive" Republicans? The answer will determine the fate of liberal and pro-labor legislation. — Labor: Railmen's Weekly.

FARM BUREAU

President Earl Heaton of the AFL Auto Workers says that in some states the Farm Bureau Federation is taking the lead in fronting for the "right to work" promoters.

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EDITORIALS

Knight Would Load Sales Tax Dice Against Us Still More!

Governor Knight in the budget he has presented to the Legislature proposes to increase greatly the reliance of the State upon sales taxes.

Already 63% of the total revenue of the State comes from sales taxes. That is, some 37% comes from general sales taxes, recognized specifically as such, and 26% from selective sales taxes called by other names. But they're all sales taxes, and they supply 63% of the State's total revenue.

Sales taxes, organized labor has argued for years, fell heaviest on those least able to pay.

What proportion of its tax money does our State get from those most able to pay? The answer is illuminating: Only 7% of the total income of the State comes from individual income taxes, 10% from corporate net income taxes, 2% from estate and gift taxes; and 18% from other taxes, with a very small amount from severance taxes.

California is now the second State in the Union. How does its tax structure correspond with the tax structure of the first State in the union, New York? That's an interesting question, because New York State is generally considered not only the home of Wall Street, but its citadel. And until Thomas Dewey went out the other day, it had had a Republican Governor for oh these many years.

So how does New York State tax? Answer: 51.3% of its total revenue comes from personal and corporate income taxes, as compared to the measly 17% which our State collects from personal and corporate income taxes.

Then take Oregon, considered a conservative State. Until Dick Neuberger was elected to the Senate recently by a narrow margin, Oregon hadn't had a Democratic Senator for half a century. Yet Oregon gets 47.7% of its revenue from personal and corporate income taxes as compared to the scrawny 17% collected from such sources in our State.

Now comes Governor Knight with his proposed beer taxes, cigarette taxes, liquor taxes, etc., all of them sales taxes. Is he trying to prove that the Republican Party in California is still more tender of the wealthy, more callous toward the smaller income people, than are the conservative Republican States of New York and Oregon?

AFL voices are already being raised against this scheme. And John A. Despol, secretary of the CIO State Council, has sent a letter to the Governor and to each member of the Legislature embodying statistical data showing how harmful are such reactionary taxation proposals.

Another thing. The Governor in his fiscal message gives figures to show that some States tax tobacco and beer, etc., more than we do, but if he cited comparative figures on the various States' take from horse racing we missed it. Yet he proposes to raise the State's take from this source by only ONE PERCENT, that is, from 13 to 14%, whereas on beer he wants to boost the tax 100%, on liquor nearly 100%, and on tobacco products other than cigarettes nearly 100%. On cigarettes he proposes to lay a new tax amounting to over 14%. Certainly more working men and women use these things than play the horses.

If the Governor had been determined to prove to the reactionary branch of the Republican Party that he's more reactionary than that branch has dared to be, we submit he couldn't have done a better job than he has.

Now what will the Legislature do? Labor is interested.

Ike's Favorite Stagnation: McNixon!

AFL President George Meany says that President Eisenhower's State of the Union message was "timid and puny" and that in his desire to remain in the middle of the road he has failed to realize that "roads are made for movement, not stagnation."

We might add that one of Ike's favorite stagnations is Vice President Nixon. Read this one from United Press, brothers and sisters, and have a hearty laugh:

"The President, in a news conference, said Nixon has assured him of the falsity of recent Democratic charges that the Vice President challenged the loyalty of the entire Democratic Party during the 1954 Congressional election campaign."

Labor people remember the wild charges Trick Dick McNixon was throwing around in that campaign. But evidently Ike has a wonderful new idea: just ask the fellow with the mudgun still spattering in his hand whether he shot anybody with it. If he says he didn't, accept his word for it.

Things might go a lot more comfortably for accused criminals in this county if Sheriff Gleason and District Attorney Coakley would put this humane idea into practice when a man is suspected of a criminal action. They'd just ask the guy if he did it, and if he said he didn't they'd turn him loose.

Better Way to Elect City Council


AFL people are joining with other civic groups in Oakland in the circulating of petitions to get on the ballot a change in the city charter. This amendment if adopted by the voters would enable the people of each district to choose their own City Councilman. At present most members of the City Council, while they must be nominated from the districts in which they reside, are voted for on a city-wide basis.

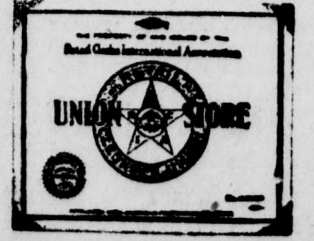
The present system gives decided advantage to candidates who are backed by the most money. The change would mean that candidates backed by organized labor and understanding the needs of the districts where working people reside would have a much better opportunity of getting elected.

The process of achieving this change will be slow at best, so it is to the advantage of labor people to sign at once.

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Swig's Project in Hayward Discussed

Floyd Attaway, Bartenders & Culinary Workers 823, who was recently made a member of the Hayward Planning Commission, reported to the Central Labor Council that the downtown merchants of Hayward are trying very hard to block the big supershop area which Ben Swig wishes to develop on the outskirts of the community.

Attaway said that most of the working people in the neighborhood Swig is interested in would like to see the development, as they would prefer to have such a commercial development rather than the factory development which is now scheduled. But the downtown merchants are doing all they can to stop rezoning.

Joe W. Chaudet commented that he favored the idea of the council going on record for the development, but that the recent experience with the Eden Hospital, which organized labor did so much to encourage, and yet which has been so resistant to signing up with the unions, made it clear that it is essential to make clear to all new projects that organized labor supports them on condition that they must be union-organized, if they're to have labor union support.

14 Amendments

Fourteen Oakland City Charter amendments may be passed on by the voters, divided between the April 19 and May 17 elections. Police, port, civil service, purchasing procedures of the municipality are among the subjects involved.

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Edward P. Morgan, noted news analyst, is the commentator for the national AFL show.

Goodness! It Seems Oakland Has Slums

Urban renewal has a better chance of the enthusiastic backing of the Oakland city administration, it was said at the Central Labor Council this week, since by chance Mayor Rishell and City Manager Thompson happened to stop to watch the city firemen battle with a blaze.

One of Health Director Geiger's men was on the spot, checking on the condition of one of the endangered houses in the neighborhood. Seeing the mayor and city manager, he invited them to come with him and look at the house.

The house, originally built for two families, now contains 14 families.

The idea burned its way into Mayor Rishell's mind that maybe there ARE slums in Oakland.

SAM EUBANKS, executive secretary of the San Francisco-Oakland Newspaper Guild, has been appointed by State School Superintendent Roy E. Simpson to the Advisory Board of San Francisco State College, in his capacity of vice president of the CIO State Council.

Culinary Council In Session Here

Executive Board members of the California State Council of Culinary Workers, Bartenders and Hotel Service Employees concluded a day-long business session in Oakland, Friday, January 14, determined to actively campaign in the State legislature for laws aimed at furthering the welfare of all workers employed in the culinary industry.

About 100 delegates, representing some 125,000 AFL unionists, attended the annual meeting at the Leamington Hotel.

Executive Secretary M. R. Callahan reported that the delegates spent many hours discussing such subjects as the Alcoholic Beverage Control Act, unemployment insurance and disability insurance.

Frankie Behan of San Francisco Waitresses Local 48 presided at the meeting in her capacity as president of the council.

Cannery Workers 768, Teamsters 70 Share New Hayward Headquarters

Cannery Workers 768 and Teamsters 70 (Hayward branch) are now open for business in a spanking new 2-union headquarters building located at C and Alice Streets in Hayward.

The \$100,000 building, owned by Local 768, contains two sets of offices in a one-story structure. An auditorium capable of seating 500 persons is also part of the layout.

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The following informational letter has been sent to all Locals affiliated with the California State Council of Building Service Employees by George Hardy, secretary-treasurer:

The Hacienda Motel, in Fresno, California, has discharged seven maids for joining Building Service Employees' Union Local 110.

Many Unions have used this Hacienda Motel as a conference meeting place. Our members have spent thousands of dollars to support this company. Now the Motel management feels that it can oust and penalize their employees, and that organized labor will not retaliate on behalf of its members.

The Hacienda Motel has made a mistake. We are confident that no American Federation of Labor Union will tolerate, or permit this management to discriminate against poorly-paid employees whose only crime was to organize to better their conditions.

We would appreciate your local union writing a letter to the Hacienda Motel, one mile north of Fresno, on Highway 99, telling them that until such time that they have settled their dispute with B.S.E.U. Local No. 110, you will not patronize their Motel.

Thank you sincerely for your anticipated cooperation in this matter.

Hawaiian Dances on PT&T TV Show Jan. 27

Hawaiian dancers doing the Samoan knife dance, the Tahitian drum dance and the ever-popular hula will take over Pacific Telephone's "This Is Your Music" TV program next week.

The thirty minute show will be seen and heard Thursday, January 27, on station KPX-TV (Channel 5) at 7 p.m.

While native Hawaiians have invaded our show that doesn't mean our stars, Byron Palmer and Joan Weldon, have been captured. They'll be on hand to sing a duet "Forevermore." Joan has another number in the show called "Mapuana" and Byron joins the Hawaiian singers for "Sweet Lullaby," said Dave Brown, Pacific Telephone district manager here.

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Governor Scornful Of Labor Protest Against Slander

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1245, said that in the course of the discussion at the meeting of the San Francisco Labor Council, which he attended, it was brought out that one applicant who forgot to enter 51 cents he had earned was penalized with denial of unemployment benefits for 5 weeks.

Ash said that the woman, not a member of a union, who had appealed to him for help when she was bewildered by questions flung at her in the Berkeley office, and had been denied jobless pay, now had won such pay on an appeal. Marilyn Anglin, Office Employees 29, had represented the woman in making the appeal.

KNIGHT'S STRATEGY
The consensus among labor people is that Burkett's stepped-up claims of vast sums being spent on "fraudulent" claims are due to his effort to put through the Legislature a large collection of measures aimed at greatly cutting down the number of persons eligible for unemployment insurance.

The highest weekly amount any applicant can get as jobless pay is \$30; the State Federation of Labor is asking that this be raised to \$50. U. S. Secretary of Labor Mitchell and President Eisenhower have asked that all the States raise unemployment maximum weekly benefits to half the unemployed person's regular pay.

Governor Knight has made no proposal for increasing it, and the assumption of the aroused labor groups demanding Burkett's scalp is that his attack on organized labor is intended, with Knight's backing, to distract attention from the need for increasing the jobless pay.

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